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THE SWISS FRIENDS OF THE ARMENIANS

As partner of the Armenian Apostolic Church and of the Union of Armenian Evangelical Churches in the Near East, the Swiss Friends of the Armenians sponsor The Institute for Armenian Blind and Deaf, The Home for Old People and Widows, and the Social Housing Project.

The Institute consists of a home for blind residents; of workshops, where blind and otherwise handicapped workers earn their income by producing baskets, chairs, brushes; and of a school with classes for blind, mentally retarded, deaf and hard-of-hearing children. Over 80 handicapped Armenians live in the Institute and about 40 come daily from outside for work, training and schooling.

The residents of the Home consist of 90 elderly mothers and widows with children, who have nowhere to go. They find shelter in 14 small houses. They enjoy much privacy and, by helping others, are glad to remain useful members of their community.

In close connection with the work in the Home there is a program of assistance to families, school children, needy and sick persons, directed by the same worker who is responsible for the Old People's Home.

The Swiss Friends have been charged with the execution of a social housing project by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees which acts as trustee of two sponsoring organizations, the Howard Karagheusian Commemorative Corporation and the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation. The aim of the project is to contribute to the efforts of clearing the slums as well as to the provision of healthier and better housing for needy families still living in sub-standard quarters around Beirut.



Slum Houses before S.H. Project



Achievement of the Social Housing Project

STRANGE BUT TRUE

The Fact!

Strange, but true! Money and possessions have tied more people in knots, caused more heart attacks and ulcers, and sent more people scurrying to psychiatrists than we'll ever know. As someone has phrased it so well: "To get his wealth he spent his health and then with might and main, he turned around and spent his wealth to get his health again."

The Cause!

Instead of Christ being at the center of our lives, our problems and needs and wants get there. And we think we can satisfy them all by spending more money.

The Diagnosis!

But we don't have enough financial resources to satisfy all our wants. And, after a great deal of spending, some problems turn out to be the kind that can't be solved with money. So we become tense and anxious -- hemmed in by financial obligations. We have very little freedom left. And we carry a heavy burden of guilt.

The Prognosis!

It doesn't have to be that way.

The Christian faith offers us a different perspective. Our Lord talks about the dangers of relying on possessions, about giving as more of a blessing than receiving, about finding life through losing it in service to others.

The Victory!

Giving more of our resources for others and decreasing our attempts to find happiness through spending leads to a new dimension of freedom -- the freedom that comes from commitment to God's purposes for people.

It is the freedom expressed by a leukemia patient who in his adversity had learned the secret of existence: "If human experience has any validity, it must be made to serve others."

Giving is freedom. Strange, but true!

THE ARNIE & NECTAR AVEDIAN FUND
AUGMENTED TO \$12,500

Mr. Arnie Avedian, born in Van and Mrs. Nectar Avedian, born in Fresno, augmented their Endowment Fund to \$12,500 on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the A.M.A.A. Married in 1930, in depression time, Arnie established his own business in 1935. The couple were blessed with two sons -- Richard, Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Southern California and Norman, graduate of Fresno State College with a B.A. in Industrial Art who practices teaching.

The Avedians have been very useful as involved persons in the life of the Armenian Community in Fresno. Both are members of the First Armenian Presbyterian Church, Knights and Knighthood of Vartan, the A.G.B.U., the Armenian National Sanatorium, and the Armenian Missionary Association of America. Mr. Avedian has contributed to the Armenian National Sanatorium as the chairman and treasurer of the chapter in Fresno, and has also been a very active member of the AMAA San Joaquin Valley Chapter.

The Board of Directors express their sincere thanks and gratitude for the manner in which they are strengthening the Armenian Missionary Association of America to serve Armenians more effectively.

Mr. and Mrs.
Arnie Avedian



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REPORT FROM THE INTER-DENOMINATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Mrs. Hasmig (Donabedian) Collier, with 8 or 9 volunteer teachers of vital Christian experience, perform S. S. and D. V. B. S. work in numerous areas in Lebanon. These volunteer teachers hold classes two to three times a week in various premises rented for the purpose, using flannelgraph, verse memorizing, hymn singing, drawing, painting, and handicraft as methods to make the Bible and its truths come alive.

Ninety-nine percent of the children who are evangelized are of the orthodox and catholic traditions -- both Armenians and Arabs. Mrs. Collier writes: "As our work is conducted mostly among slum areas we request the prayers of all believers for these classes which are really afternoon Bible Schools. We also extend our evangelization to Armenian girls divorced from Moslem husbands and who are no longer accepted in Christian families. We urge you to give your God-directed gift towards this precious work which keeps growing all the time."

Mrs. Collier and her volunteer workers reach about 600 children during the year. Most of them come to the saving knowledge of Christ and demonstrate changed conduct even though they are young. A fifteen-year old, on being touched by the truths of the Gospel, confessed that he had been stealing from a nearby shop. Afterwards, he went to the shopkeeper and confessed his sin. The shopkeeper was so impressed by the change in the life of this teenager that he forgave him. Another teenager, only fifteen, confessed that he would gamble away his pocket money then proceed to steal from his father's purse. He, too, touched by the truths of the Gospel, confessed his sin to his father. The latter went to the evangelists of the inter-denominational Sunday Schools to congratulate them on their evangelization work and to thank them. Many, many other parents have expressed their gratitude and asked the volunteer workers to conduct these classes regularly and the year round.

Mrs. Collier concludes her report in these words: "If we want to have honest citizens in our countries, and fill our churches within ten years, we must evangelize the children and teenagers. We urge all believers to pray for this work. Pray for the teachers, too, as they need strength to continue this precious work here."

Together, with our prayers and financial support, we can be of great assistance to the volunteers of I. D. S. S.



Children Intent on Learning About God

REPORT FROM OUR EDUCATIONAL MISSIONARY IN IRAN

In a short time of about six months since her establishment in Teheran, Miss Mahshigian, our educational missionary to Iran, has organized two Sunday Schools, two Christian Endeavor groups, a Daily Vacation Bible School in Narmek, and a Conference at the Summer Camp at Baghbesharet at the foot of mountains outside of Teheran.

In Narmek, where about 30,000 Armenians live, she holds Sunday School in a small rented room. Attendance has doubled to 40. Due to lack of space some have been turned away. One little girl, persisting tearfully, pleaded: "Please, let me in. I can stand in a corner and give you no trouble." At the Daily Vacation Bible School at Gohar Mesrobian, more than 60 children have registered with 20 of them coming from the poor quarter of Mejdieh from far away. An appreciative girl has testified: "We enjoy the school very much. Can you continue for some more weeks?"

Miss Mahshigian says her work is growing daily. She is experiencing great inconveniences in travel and feels a car would be a God-sent. She concludes her report to the AMAA office with these words: "I give thanks to God for using a weak and unworthy servant like me for the spreading of the Gospel in Teheran. Please remember me in your prayers so that I may endeavor to win young people to the cause of Christ."

Her own words and request speak more eloquently than the AMAA could speak. Let us stand by her!

Pupils of the Newly-founded S. S. at Narmek



A HAPPY MESSAGE FROM A HAPPY MAN

After the death of Lord Baden-Powell in 1941, a farewell letter was found among the papers of the founder of the Scout Movement. It was his final message to the Scouts, part of which read:

Dear Scouts:

I have had a most happy life and I want each one of you to have as happy a life, too.

I believe that God put us in this jolly world to be happy and enjoy life. Happiness doesn't come from being rich, nor merely from being successful in your career, nor by self-indulgence. One step toward happiness is to make yourself healthy and strong while you are a boy, so that you can be useful and so can enjoy life when you are a man.

Nature study will show you how full of beautiful and wonderful things God has made the world for you to enjoy. Be contented with what you have got and make the best of it. Look on the bright side of things instead of looking on the gloomy one.

But the real way to get happiness is by giving out happiness to other people. Try to leave this world a little better than you found it and when your turn comes to die, you can die happy in feeling that at any rate you have not wasted your time but have done your best. "Be Prepared" in this way to live happy and to die happy -- stick to your Scout Promise always -- even after you have ceased to be a boy -- and God help you to do it.

PAUL C. MANOOGIAN FUND AUGMENTED TO \$20,000

Mr. Paul C. Manoogian, born October 14, 1889 in Kharpet, and who had a ten thousand dollar fund with the A. M. A. A. established on the occasion of the 40th Anniversary has augmented it to \$20,000 during the present 50th Anniversary Campaign.

Mr. Manoogian's love for Armenians and his desire to serve them through this stewardly concern is related to the suffering he has seen in the world. His mother, one sister, and one brother were massacred by the Turks. The brother, who was hanged, was physician Bedros Manoogian (also known as Dr. Banni). As this useful man was being hanged on the gallows he said, "You are hanging our twenties now, but twenty thousands will rise to take our revenge." But, threats have not straightened out the attitude of Turkey. The only hope left is that the love of God may bring them to the acknowledgement of guilt and confession.

Paul, the youngest of 14 children, of whom five girls and three boys live, was married on December 30th, 1919 to Araxie Michaelian. She died in 1924 and Mr. Manoogian was re-married on Feb. 19th, 1949 to Paylatzou Jinivisian, graduate of the Nursing School of the American University of Beirut and director for nine years of the Armenian National Sanatorium in Lebanon. Mr. Manoogian was blessed with one daughter from his former marriage, Gladys (Manoogian) Shegoyan, who lives in San Francisco at the present with her two lovely children and family -- Shirleen and Jimi Paul, husband Ardsron, and her mother-in-law.

Paul C. Manoogian



A good patriot, Paul C. Manoogian has always been involved in Armenian national life -- particularly in its benevolent aspects. He recently erected a memorial to the Unknown Armenian Martyr at the endowed Ararat Cemetery in Fresno. The monument is over the remains of an Armenian who died long ago and whose bones were brought by the late Rev. M. G. Papazian from Der-Zor in Syria in 1930. The memorial, donated by Paul C. Manoogian on April 24, 1968 in memory of his martyred mother, sister and brother Dr. Banni has the following words: "Here lie the remains of an unknown Armenian martyred by the Turks with million and a half others (1915 - 1918)." The monument is topped with a khach-kar which was given to Mr. Paul C. Manoogian by Catholicos Vasken I when Mr. Manoogian visited Armenia. The Catholicos Vasken's words of blessing have also been encased on the same monument. On May 30th of each year a religious service is performed at the foot of the monument and the words of blessing by the Catholicos is read.

Mr. Manoogian came to the United States in 1909 and worked in a shoe factory in Brockton, Massachu-

setts for five years and then moved to Fresno in 1914 where he started his farming business and later on engaged in commerce. At the present he supervises his apartments.

Peter - Paul Manoogian School of Tripoli



Mr. Manoogian is a supporter of both the AGBU and the AMAA. In the formative years of the AGBU in 1912, he started a chapter in Brockton. He was also a member of the San Joachin Valley Committee of the Armenian Missionary Association of America, and at the present is a member of the 50th Anniversary Campaign Committee in the same area. He was, in addition, the founder of the Fresno Chapter of the Armenian National Sanatorium and has been its secretary for 24 years, namely from its inception in 1947 to the present.

Member of the Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church of Fresno since 1916, Mr. Manoogian has also engaged in literary work and is the author of Dzaghepouch published in 1954. The book contains articles and poems on love of country and love of God. The tragedies depicted in the book demonstrate the faith and courage of the Armenian people. In his church life, Paul C. Manoogian was also engaged in creating organizations such as the Christain Endeavor Society and the Men's Brotherhood, and he was the chairman of the latter for a long time.

An orphan from early life, Mr. Paul C. Manoogian used his loneliness and disadvantages as a ladder to climb to success. His father having died at the age of fifty, when Paul was a child and could not remember him, he vowed, when he himself reached the age of fifty, to establish a \$50,000 fund to be used for church, benevolent and child education purposes. It is this fund that is being perpetuated, so that with other donations he has made he will have fulfilled his vow of \$50,000.

At the moment Mr. Paul C. Manoogian supports the Armenian Evangelical School in Tripoli, Lebanon which is known as "Peter-Paul Manoogian School." In 1961 he contributed \$2,000 for the renovation of the school and since then has been contributing \$500 annually towards the budget of the school.

Monument to the unknown Armenian martyr flanked by Dr. G. H. Chopourian and Mr. Paul C. Manoogian



The Board of Directors are very proud of Mr. Manoogian's patriotism and are most grateful for for his devotion to the causes of Armenians overseas. We extend our sincere thanks and gratitude for his stewardly concerns.

DAGHAVARIANS REMEMBER THE A.M.A.A. IN THEIR BEQUEST

Mr. Nishan and Mrs. Mildred (Chaderjian) Daghavarian, benefactor members of the A. M. A. A. and the A. G. B. U., have made a bequest to the A. G. B. U. consisting of a 90-acre real estate located in the Township of Friendship, on the shore of Lake Michigan, and have assigned 40% of the income of their bequest to the A. M. A. A. and its affiliate institutions. The value of the estate is estimated at over \$250,000.

The agreement of these benefactors with the A. G. B. U. consists mainly in an arrangement whereby the property would be sold as soon as possible at the best price obtainable. The income of the proceeds will accrue to this generous couple as long as they live. After that, they have designated the distribution of the income as follows:

- Twenty percent to the A. M. A. A.
- Ten percent to Haigazian College -- affiliate of A. M. A. A.
- Ten percent to the A. M. A. A. 's Istanbul Youth Home
- Thirty percent to the A. G. B. U., for education in the Near East
- Thirty percent to the A. G. B. U., for hospitals in the Near East

Mr. & Mrs. Nishan Daghavarian are dedicated members of the A. M. A. A. as well as the A. G. B. U. in which organizations they already have endowment funds -- \$28,000.00 in each organization.

Mr. & Mrs. Daghavarian are life members of the Armenian Missionary Association of America.

The Board of Directors extend deep gratitude to them for their concern for the less fortunate.



Mr. & Mrs. Nishan Daghavarian

The Armenian Missionary Association of America Inc., announces a 22-Day Armenian Heritage Tour of MOSCOW - YEREVAN - BEIRUT - ISTANBUL - ATHENS - with optional excursions to towns of our heritage -- Departing from New York - July 25, 1972. Estimated Price: \$875.00 per person sharing twin. For further information write to Armenian Missionary Association of America, Inc., 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10010

NEEDS IN A.M.A.A. OFFICE

The A. M. A. A. office has some important needs for equipment. Any and all help provided for the purchase of these needs is most welcome. May we hear from friends of the A. M. A. A. ?

ITEM NEEDED	COST	ANSWERED FOR BY
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Conference Table	350	

We want to remind our supporters regularly of these needs until we have all of the items answered for. It's your MOVE next.

GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY A.M.A.A. OFFICES-- ARMENIAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH COMPLEX

You are cordially invited to attend the Ground Breaking Ceremony of the Armenian Missionary Association of America and the Armenian Presbyterian Church at 140 Forest Avenue at 12:30 P. M., and the banquet immediately following on Sunday, October 24, 1971, at Neptune Inn, Route 4 South, Paramus, N. J.

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